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SUBJECT: REICHSBAHN DEFIANCE OF ALLIED ORDERS

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1. SUMMARY: WITH REFERENCE TO WORK ON THE NEW WEST BERLIN STATIONS, GDR CONTINUES TO REFUSE TO COMPLY WITH LONG-STANDING REQUIREMENT THAT REICHSBAHN (RB) OBTAIN PRIOR ALLIED AUTHORIZATION FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION OR FOR REMOVAL OF MATERIAL. THIS APPLIES, HOWEVER, ONLY TO PROJECTS ARISING FROM DECEMBER 19 AGREEMENT. ON OTHER MATTERS RB IS CONTINUING TO ASK FOR ALLIED APPROVAL FOR REMOVAL OF MATERIAL. PROBLEM OF OUR INDUCING COMPLIANCE WITH OUR ORDERS INCREASINGLY CENTERS ON WANNSEE STATION IN US SECTOR. END SUMMARY.

2. THERE HAVE STILL BEEN NO INDICATIONS THAT THE GDR PLANS TO CHANGE ITS REFUSAL TO OBTAIN ALLIED AGREEMENT FOR OPERATIONS CONNECTED WITH NEW RB STATIONS IN WEST BERLIN. FOR THE TIME BEING, HOWEVER, GDR DEFIANCE IS CONFIDENTIAL

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LIMITED TO PROJECTS ARISING FROM THE DECEMBER 19

UNDERTAKING, AND HAS STOPPED SHORT OF TRYING TO OVERTURN STANDARD PRACTICE IN ALL AREAS. THUS RB IN MID-FEBRUARY WITHUS, AND ON MARCH 2 WITH UK, HAS CONTINUED TO APPLY FOR ALLIED PERMISSION TO REMOVE RB MATERIAL FROM OUR SECTORS, AS REQUIRED BY BK/O(49)217. BUT THE MATERIAL IN THESE TWO CASES HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW STATIONS.

3. IN REGARD TO THE WORK ALREADY BEGUN ON THE NEW RB STOPS, THERE HAS BEEN SUBSTANTIAL DISMANTLEMENT OF INSTALLATIONS AND EQUIPMENT AT THE CHARLOTTENBURG (UK) STATION AND AT THE WANNSEE STATION(US). LESS OBVIOUSLY THIS ALSO APPEARS TO HAVE BEGUN AT THE SPANDAU(UK) STOP. THE BRITISH HAVE CONCLUDED THAT THE DEBRIS AND MATERIAL FROM THE CHARLOTTENBURG STATION HAVE, PRIOR TO MARCH 3, ALREADY BEEN ILLEGALLY EXPORTED TO THE GDR VIA STAACKEN. WE HOPE TODAY OR TOMORROW TO ASCERTAIN WHEREABOUTS OF RAILS AND RAILROAD TIES DISMANTLED TO DATE FROM WANNSEE STATION, AND TO GET SOME STATEMENT FROM RB ON THE MATERIAL FROM CHARLOTTENBURG.

4. IN PRACTICAL TERMS,THE PROBLEM OF GETTING RB COMPLIANCE IS BEGINNING TO CENTER ON THE WANNSEE STATION, WHERE WORK IS MORE ADVANCED AND TH RB IS AIMING FOR A MAY OPENING. COMPLETION OF THE WANNSEE REMODELLINGFURTHERMORE DOES NOTDEPEND ON SENAT PERFORMANCNE IN MAKING AVAILABLE LAND OR INSTALLATIONS, AS IS THE CASE IN OTHER THREE STATIONS.

5. AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, WE ARE PURSUING LOW KEY APPROACH ON RB PROBLEM. IN LINE WITH THIS WE AR EVEN TRYING TO ELABORATE ENFORCEMENT MECHANISMS AGAINST WEST BERLIN FIRMS SO AS HOPEFULLY TO BYPASS NEED TO TAKE DIRECT PHYSICAL MEASURES AGAINST RB INSTALLATIONS AND PERSONNEL. OUR LOW POSTURE, HOWEVER, GETS MORE DIFFICULT AS TH RB CONTINUES WITH ITS HIGHLY VISIBLE WANNSEE WORK, AND AS THE PRESS INCREASINGLY CONCENTRATES ON THE DISPUTE. TODAY'S TAGESSPIEGEL(JOACHIM BOELKE) AND WELT(FRIEDHELM KEMNA) BOTH CARRIED ACCURATE ASSESSMENTS OF THE DILEMMA, IN WHICH THE ALLIES, WHILE

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EXERCISING TEMPORARY FOREBEARANCE, ARE INEXORABLY BEING FACED WITH NECESSITY OF FINALLY ENFORCING OUR WRIT. THERE IS OBVIOUS DANGER THATSUCH REPORTS WILL ONLY FURTHER REDUCE GDR DISPOSITION TO YIELD.GEORGE

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